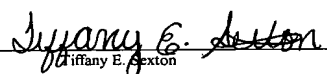


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**STATEMENT OF FACTS REGARDING
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Non-elected claims 1-6 and 9-14 were canceled in an Amendment filed concurrently herewith, leaving claims 7 and 8 and newly-presented claims 15 and 16 (which are directed to the same invention as claims 7 and 8) pending in the application. Claims 1-6 and 9-14 were non-elected in a telephone conference with the Examiner on August 6, 2003 in response to a Restriction Requirement. At the time of the election, the non-elected claims, i.e., claims 1-6 and 9-14 were not canceled. It has been determined that the Ian Campbell McGILL, Lorraine NEVINSON, Laurence Evan SMYTHE and Samuel John Selwyn TAYLOR were not inventors of claims 7 and 8 and newly-presented claims 15 and 16. Accordingly, upon cancellation of

claims 1-6 and 9-14, a Petition (which is submitted concurrently herewith) is being submitted to correct the inventorship.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 19, 2003, having a shortened statutory deadline for response of November 19, 2003, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows: